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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/3

FROM: []

SUBJECT: Meeting with Walter DUBENICK - 15 May 1958

Meeting Background

1. On 13 May 1958 DUBENICK telephoned Chief, SR/3 (whom he knows personally) and stated that Yaroslav SIEZHO would be in Washington the following day and was there anyone interested in talking to him. Then, Chief, SR/3, indicated that there was in fact an individual from the Pentagon who would probably want to see SIEZHO. The matter was coordinated and I made telephone contact with DUBENICK at []
2. At 0900 hours on 15 May 1958, I met DUBENICK in Room 1006 of the Roger Smith Hotel (Telephone Number: National 8-2740) and spoke to him until approximately 0930 hours.

DUBENICK Plans in South America

3. Subject suggests that he be sent on a two or three month TDY trip to South America (primarily Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina) in order to determine the extent and the effect of Soviet propaganda and infiltration since early 1957 on the emigres in the above countries. This he would do through his extensive Catholic Church, emigre and political contacts which he developed during his tour in South America. Although Subject did not have any specific proposals regarding any political action in South America at this time and pointed out that his ideas would be firmer after he had made a trip, he felt that basically the political action plans which he had submitted previously would be effective counteraction against Soviet propaganda infiltration. In general the plan would be to organize the emigres into political and other organizations and to propagandize them against Soviet influences through radio programs, newspaper articles, special movies, rallies, etc.

4. Although at the moment Subject does not have cover either for a TDY or PCS tour in South America, he felt certain that an ostensible sponsor for his trip could be developed.

Assessment

5. Subject is 50 years of age, medium size, sturdy build, and does not make a particularly impressive figure nor does he appear to be very incisive. On the other side of the ledger, however, he is well educated, well versed in Eastern European affairs and appears to be strongly pro-American and anti-

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Communist. I spoke to this man for only a short time; therefore, obviously, a thorough assessment cannot be made. It would seem to me on the basis of my talk and on the basis of this man's known background as reflected in the attached curriculum vitae and letter of reference, that DORRICK is a man of intelligence, substance and ability, and there is little doubt in my mind that with proper handling this man would make an excellent asset in any intelligence service be it PP, FI or OK. In summary, I can only echo his words: "Surely, does it not seem to you that a man with my language abilities and my experience could be used somewhere in the United States Government?"

Continuation

6. I promised to pass Subject's curriculum vitae and his letter of reference to the "proper authorities". No communication channel with Subject was set up except for the bona fides which I had given him in regard to SIXTEND and in regard to picking up from Subject his report on the questions which I had posed to SIXTEND via Subject.